



Dear Parents and carers,

We have had a great week. Oak class really enjoyed their trip to Cornerstones in Didcot to see the production of the Pied Piper. Our very own Zarah is appearing in the show. Christmas jumper day raised over £70 bringing our charity fundraising total to £240 for Children in need, Dogs for Good and Save the Children.

On Wednesday we had a lovely lunch with the children and all of the volunteers who give so much of their own time to school. Great thanks go to Linda our catering manager and Kevin Pyatt her boss; they worked tirelessly to feed 100 of us a delicious two course Christmas dinner. On Thursday night KS2 entertained their audience with a mix of traditional carols, Christmas songs and prayers. The children were very professional and presented a really entertaining show.

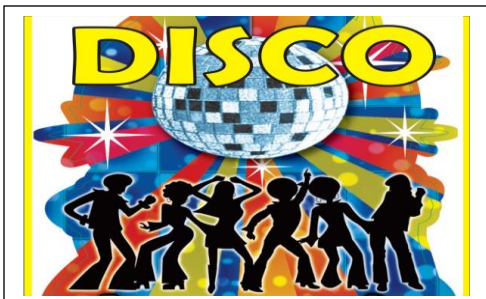
We are sad to say good bye to Miss Priddle who has been such an inspiration in Poplar class but also as a member of the school staff. Mrs Savage is also leaving us – school will be quieter without a doubt – she will be sadly missed. We hope that both of them will remain friends of the school and we hope that we will see them very soon.

Next term we have a number of new staff joining us. In Poplar we are pleased to welcome Mrs Tebbit – Scales as a full time permanent teacher. Mrs Wortley (You may remember from Poplar last year) will be joining us working for half a day a week in Willow class so that Mr Lyne can reduce his hours. Katherine Phillips an old St Blaisian will be taking up a part time temporary post as teaching assistant in Poplar and Maple class. We are also pleased to announce that Katy Macmanus will be the new office admin assistant. Katy will be opening the office at 8.30am every day.

Next week we have our Great to be Good Ofsted party on Monday at 2pm. Tuesday at 9am we



will be holding a very special Christmas service, this year the theme is angels, please join us. On Wednesday we will have an end of term certificate worship. School finishes at 1.15pm. On behalf of everyone at St Blaise – have a very



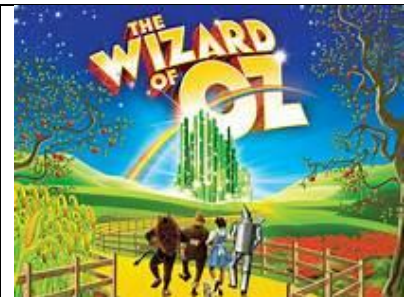
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> is the school disco. BOBS are selling tickets - £3pp.

There will be a tuck shop so please send along some money for this.

Please make sure that children are watching and playing on age appropriate games. We constantly hear disturbing comments across the school about games such as Fornite and references to horror films and other things that they are accessing. Please check what your child is doing on line and turn off the chat modes. The most recent safeguarding training now asks designated safeguarding leads to speak to parents about this as children are very vulnerable and there have been very worrying cases of addiction to Fortnite and grooming.

## Term Dates - 2A

7 <sup>th</sup> January	Term begins
8 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming begins for Y3,4,5,6 – 10 weeks. Children need swimming costume/trunks, towel and swimming hat
11 <sup>th</sup> January	Afternoon – outdoor learning (please make sure that they have coats)
14 <sup>th</sup> January	PM – Mr Lyne parent meetings
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Clubs start
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Breakfast for parents and carers - £1 a bap – 50p hot drink
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Certificate worship
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer internet day
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Wizard of Oz performances – tickets will go on sale in the new year – everyone is welcome



This year our school performance will be the wizard of Oz. We would like to have a dog in the play to play the part of Toto. The dog we would like to use is a very family friendly placid dog called Reggie. Reggie will need to come to school weekly so that the children can rehearse with him, he will stay in my office and in the hall. If anyone has any concerns or questions please come and speak to me.

On Thursday some of the year 5/6 pupils went to Wantage to take part in a basketball tournament.

We did extremely well as our B team came 5th overall and the A team came 3<sup>rd</sup>!!

Well done to the teams: Alice, Anton, AJ, Emily, Jakson, Joy, Lily D, Skyla, Vijay and Zarah.



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